

CHILD ADVOCATES OF SW CONNECTICUT

The
LOVE
Luncheon



Honoring award-winning actor, comedian, and *SNL* star

DARRELL HAMMOND

in conversation with
acclaimed television news journalist

ASHLEIGH BANFIELD

The Impact of Childhood Trauma Across a Lifetime

HONORING CAC VOLUNTEERS

TRISH DEPHILLIPS

MARI FLICKER

Darrell Hammond - Distinguished Citizenship Award



Darrell Hammond is an award-winning actor, comedian, master impressionist and *Saturday Night Live* star. In 14 years on *SNL*, Darrell Hammond did many impressions, including Bill Clinton, Al Gore and Sean Connery. Few of his cast members knew that Hammond struggled with drugs, alcohol and self-cutting as the result of childhood abuse. Although Hammond performed brilliantly on live TV, behind the scenes he suffered from debilitating flashbacks, self-injury and addictions, symptoms which were misdiagnosed by over 40 doctors as mental illnesses, including: multiple personality disorder, manic depression and schizophrenia. Hammond's personal story is explored in director Michelle Esrick's Award-winning documentary *Cracked Up*. The film gracefully weaves together comedy and tragedy, helping us to understand the biological effects of childhood trauma in a new light. *Cracked Up* is a rallying cry to be part of a movement that is transforming our communities one by one to become trauma informed.

Ashleigh Banfield - Honorary Chair and Master of Ceremonies



Ashleigh Banfield, for the past 30 years, has consistently been one of the most acclaimed anchors in television news, and one of television's top crime journalists. In her most recent roles, Ashleigh hosted A&E's series *Live Rescue*, and *Primetime Justice with Ashleigh Banfield* on HLN. She is a national broadcast anchor, and legal analyst who has reported for CNN, ABC News, Court TV, NBC News and MSNBC. Over the course of her career, the Emmy-Award winner has covered breaking news from across the country and around the globe, including 9/11, the bombing at the Boston Marathon, the shooting at Sandy Hook, and numerous trials where she brought to light the complicated courtroom proceedings of each case. Ashleigh resides in Connecticut with her husband Chris Haynor, and her two young sons, Fischer and Ridley.

Patricia DePhillips - Outstanding Volunteer Award



Patricia DePhillips has been a CAC volunteer advocate since 2013 and has passionately advocated for four children, ages six through 21 years old. Trish learned caretaking skills as a child and became a Pre-Kindergarten instructor. Trish transitioned into a career in hotel and restaurant management and in 2009 founded a certified woman-owned business enterprise, Chroma Building Products. Trish served on PTA, as a den mother, sports team manager, and was selected as the first instructor in the Virtus Program through the Diocese of Fairfield, teaching awareness about sexual abuse of children. Trish shares her advocacy experiences as a presenter at CAC new volunteer training. Trish lives in Wilton with her husband Doug, and is the proud mother of Jason, Craig, Dan and Max.

Mari Flicker - Outstanding Volunteer Award



Mari Flicker became a CAC volunteer advocate in 2013 and has tirelessly advocated for a young woman for more than six years. Mari is an attorney admitted to the bar in New York and Connecticut, and worked at the United States Court of Appeals Second Circuit and as an Assistant Corporation Counsel in the General Litigation Division of the Office of Corporation Counsel of the City of New York. Mari is a former Board Member and current member of the Advisory Council of the Adam J. Lewis Academy, and serves on the Advisory Council to the Board of Trustees of Greens Farms Academy and served as a member of the Greens Farms Academy Education Policy Committee. Mari advocates for mental health and addiction health care coverage for vulnerable consumers under federal and state Parity Law and in 2016 Mari testified in Hartford on behalf of CAC legislation. Mari and her husband Jamie live in Fairfield and are the proud parents of Sam, Nathaniel and Kate.

PLEASE JOIN
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FOR

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IN CONVERSATION

Wednesday, May 13, 2020 11:45 am – 2:00 pm

WOODWAY COUNTRY CLUB

Darien, Connecticut

RSVP by May 1

Darrell Hammond opens up about repressed memories of childhood trauma in the documentary *Cracked Up*

Please join CAC and the Westport Public Library for a free screening of *Cracked Up*

Wednesday, May 6th at 7pm

Registration required at: www.ctchildadvocates.org





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